

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America

v.

Donald DESHAZO

Case: 2:21-mj-30483

Judge: Unassigned,

Case No.

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USA v. SEALED MATTER (CMP)(MLW)

## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of October 6, 2021 in the county of Wayne in the  
Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section**Offense Description*

18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)

Person previously convicted of a felony in possession of a firearm.

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)

Possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

Possession with the intent to distribute narcotics.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

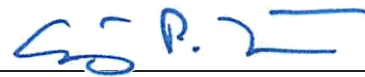
See attached affidavit

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Complainant's signature

Sherri Reynolds Special Agent, ATF

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence  
and/or by reliable electronic means.Date: October 13, 2021

Judge's signature

City and state: Detroit MI

Hon. Anthony P. Patti, US Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, Special Agent Sherri Reynolds, being duly sworn, do hereby state the following:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. I am a Special Agent, with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), United States Department of Justice, and have been so employed since December of 2009. I am currently assigned to the Detroit Field Division. I completed twenty-six weeks of training, which was comprised of the Criminal Investigator Training Program and the ATF Special Agent Basic Training program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. I received extensive training on firearms identification, common scenarios involving firearms and narcotics trafficking, and identification and effects of controlled substances. Additionally, I received training on undercover investigations related to firearms and narcotics trafficking, which included investigative techniques and common subject behavior

2. During my federal law enforcement career, I have had the opportunity to converse with admitted and known narcotics traffickers as to their methods, and those of their associates, regarding the manufacture, importation, transportation, distribution and sales of controlled substances, as well as their methods used to conceal, transport, and launder cash and/or other types of drug proceeds. I have

become knowledgeable in the methods used by narcotics traffickers to import, conceal, transport, distribute, manufacture, and sell controlled substances, as well as the methods used to conceal, transport, and launder cash and/or other types of drug proceeds. Through prior investigations and training, I have become familiar with the types and amounts of profits made by drug dealers, and the methods, language, and terms used by persons dealing illegal substances. I am also aware that narcotics trafficking is primarily a cash business. In addition, drug traffickers often use drug proceeds to purchase additional narcotics to continue and promote the ongoing conspiracy.

3. The statements contained in this affidavit are based on conversations with other law enforcement officers, a review of relevant police reports, and my personal involvement in this investigation. This affidavit summarizes such information but does not provide each and every detail known to law enforcement regarding this investigation; rather it provides information necessary to establish probable cause that Donald DESHAZO (hereinafter “DESHAZO”) violated 18 U.S.C. § 922 (g)(1), person previously convicted of a felony in possession of a firearm, 18 U.S.C. § 924 (c), possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking and 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)(A), possession with the intent to distribute narcotics.

## II. PROBABLE CAUSE

4. On October 6, 2021, at approximately 2300 hours, a Michigan State Police (MSP) Trooper was on patrol in Detroit, MI, in a marked patrol vehicle. While on patrol, the MSP trooper observed a Buick Verano bearing the MI license plate EGB0309 traveling north on Interstate 75. A query of this vehicle through law enforcement databases showed that the vehicle was registered to Octavia Taylor at 25446 Gunston Avenue, Warren, MI. This query also showed the vehicle did not have valid insurance. The MSP Trooper initiated the emergency lights on the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop of the Buick Verano.

5. The MSP Trooper contacted the driver of the vehicle, who was the sole occupant. The driver provided a driver's license that identified the driver as DESHAZO. A query of DESHAZO through law enforcement databases for any outstanding warrants showed DESHAZO had a felony warrant issued for Fleeing and Eluding in Detroit, MI, in July 2021. The MSP Trooper advised DESHAZO of the warrant and requested DESHAZO exit the vehicle. DESHAZO complied with the request and was taken into custody.

6. DESHAZO voluntarily informed the MSP Trooper that DESHAZO had a pistol on his person and did not have a concealed pistol license. The MSP Trooper then searched DESHAZO's person and located a Glock, model 33, .357 caliber pistol, bearing the serial number BHFU418 that was loaded with 14 rounds

of ammunition, including one round of ammunition that was chambered. The firearm was in the waistband of DESHAZO's pants inside of a holster.

DESHAZO also had approximately \$2,400.00 in cash on his person as well. A query of this firearm through law enforcement databases showed the firearm was not reported stolen and had no registered owner.

7. The MSP Trooper obtained consent from DESHAZO and proceeded to conduct a search of the vehicle as it was going to be towed. The MSP Trooper located a Target bag in the center console of the vehicle that contained approximately 59 grams of suspected marijuana packaged in two clear plastic bags, 101 grams of suspected heroin in one clear plastic bag, 53 grams of suspected black tar heroin in one clear plastic bag and a black digital scale. DESHAZO was arrested and transported to jail for processing. The vehicle was towed from the location to the impound lot.

8. On October 7, 2021, law enforcement conducted a Thermo Fisher Scientific test on the 101 grams of suspected heroin and found it tested positive for fentanyl.

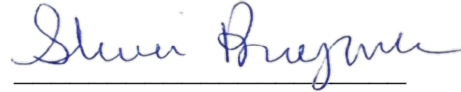
9. I reviewed DESHAZO's Computerized Criminal History (CCH), and it revealed that between 1992 and 2013, DESHAZO has been convicted for felony offenses in eight separate cases. DESHAZO has pleaded guilty charges in his previous cases. Based upon this, there is probable cause to believe that DESHAZO

is aware that he is a previously convicted felon. As such, when DESHAZO possessed a firearm, he knowingly violated Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

10. On October 8, 2021, I contacted ATF interstate nexus expert Special Agent Michael Jacobs who reported the Glock, model 33, .357 caliber pistol bearing the serial number BHFU418 that was recovered from DESHAZO was manufactured outside the state of Michigan. Therefore, the firearm has traveled in and affected interstate commerce.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

11. Probable cause exists that DESHAZO did knowingly and intentionally possess a firearm in Detroit, MI, Eastern District of Michigan, said firearm having travelled in interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g) (1), an individual who was a felon in possession of a firearm. DESHAZO was also in possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c) and was in possession of narcotics for distribution in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a) (1)(A).



Sherri Reynolds  
Special Agent, ATF

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence  
and/or by reliable electronic means.



HON. ANTHONY P. PATTI    October 13, 2021  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE